

Secretary's Report

This report details the day to day activities of the ASCA Board of Directors. It includes issues brought before the Board of Directors and mail, fax, e-mail and/or telephone communications. August 1-31, 2011.

Board of Director's Teleconference

Monday August 8, 2011

The August 8th, 2011 Board of Directors (BoD) meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM CDT by President Pete Dolan. Those attending via phone were: Pete Dolan/ President, Tenley Dexter/Secretary, Ronnie Bates/Director, Russ Ford/Second VP, Rachel Vest/Director, Michelle Berryessa/Treasurer, David Clayton/Director, Peter Hellmeister/First VP, Director-Elect Rick Gann, Director-Elect Linda Gray and Executive Secretary Mary Logue. Absent were Mark Westerman/Director and Director-Elect Greg McClintock.

1) Old Business

- a. Confirmation/Ratification of e-mail votes taken in July, 2011 (Dolan): Motion by Berryessa, second by Clayton; Approve: Unanimous; the motion is approved.
- b. First Quarter 2011 Treasurer's Report (Berryessa): Appears from information provided by Business Office, that ASCA has an increase of approximately \$15,000 so far this year in profits. Berryessa suggested that ASCA still needs to make some changes on paperwork for our investments. There was a large expense in the second quarter for printing judge's books and other Business Office documents. The ASCA Foundation books show a deficit of \$10,000 for the memorial donation to ARPH.
- c. 2010 Audit Status (Berryessa): The audit with Tom Wallace and company is progressing. Berryessa will be faxing to Tom Wallace the general entry form.
- d. Executive Director/Business Manager Definition Committee Status (Bates): The committee will have a formal report to the BoD approximately two (2) weeks prior to Nationals. Bates indicated that the 2010 GuideStar Nonprofit Compensation Report that was purchased has been very helpful in providing information to the committee.
- e. Breed Standard Executive Committee Status (Clayton): The last three (3) sections will be submitted during the August voting cycle. Discussion will occur during the Nationals BoD meeting on how the BoD will get the revised standard to the membership to vote on.
- f. Discussion of resolution of ethics violation(s) from Delta ASF show (Vest): Decisions were made to submit motions in August in regards to the affiliate Delta ASF, Senior Breeder judge Patty Wirries and Senior Breeder Judge Sheila Polk.
- g. Kathy Steven's membership refund request (Hellmeister): There were differences of opinion amongst the BoD members about whether to refund the membership fee or not. Hellmeister will submit a motion for this item.
- h. Set Fee for extra characters in registered name on registration application (Hellmeister): Motion by Hellmeister, Second by Bates: I move to set a fee of \$20 for up to 20 additional characters beyond the presently allowed number of 30 characters. Approve: Hellmeister, Clayton, Berryessa, Dolan, Dexter, Bates, Vest; Disapprove: Ford; Non-voting: Westerman. The motion is approved.
- i. Funding approval for Will Gergits/Therion for attending the 2011 Nationals (Dolan): Motion by Dolan: I move to approve the following from the DNA Committee
Motion: Marilyn Ballard moves and Tanya Barker 2nds.
I move the ASCA Board approve funding to bring Will Gergits, Therion representative, to the 2011 Nationals in WI, arriving on Tuesday, Sept 20, and departing on Thursday, Sept 22. With DNA now mandatory, he will talk with the board plus provide explanations and answers to the membership's questions. Flight, lodging, and car reservations need to be made for the 2011 quickly approaching ASCA Nationals, The costs covered should not exceed \$1000.00 (provided there is time to get a reasonable flight after board voting if approved). This motion will be an emergency motion with the time frame for discussion for 2 days, July 20 and 21, with a 2-day voting period beginning on July 22 and ending July 24.
Proposed Agenda:
Meet with your Board of Directors and to also give a presentation at the general membership meeting. In these presentations Mr. Gergits will (1) give a summary of work conducted over the past two years (numbers and types of samples tested), (2) discuss "rejection rates" for each type of sample and reasons for and recommendations for lowering these rejections/rates, (3) review the strategy regarding "DNA

profile reconstruction" for non-registered deceased dogs (4) present a description of a new service that Therion wishes to offer to ASCA/ASCA members to estimate inbreeding/line breeding within a family or breeding group and (5) take and answer questions.

Estimated costs for his trip to the nationals in Wisconsin:

Flight \$400, Two nights lodging - \$250, Car rental (three days) - \$200, total = \$850

Due to motion time, board voting and approaching Nationals, we ask the cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. If necessary in order to cut cost, the car rented for the Board can be used to pick Mr. Gergits up and take him back to the airport.

Reason for Emergency vote comment: Due to motion time (Committee and Board), board voting and the approaching Nationals this committee used the emergency schedule to get this through the committee so the board could deal with it in a timely manner.

Rationale...The more the ASCA board/membership understand about DNA (submittals, processing, benefits to breeders and ASCA) the fewer the ASCA/DNA problems for the future. This could cover not only the needs of the DNA profiling process but also info on the purpose of DNA profiling in maintaining an accurate pedigree and registry. Consider this an investment in a more informed membership that will lead to a smoother-running DNA Program.

Approve: Dolan; Disapprove: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Westerman. The motion is not approved.

2.) New Business

a. There was no new business presented during this meeting

There will not be a teleconference during September due to the proximity of the 2011 Nationals. Next teleconference is scheduled for October 10th, 2011 at 8 PM CDT.

Motion to adjourn: Hellmeister, second by Dexter: Approve: Unanimous; the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM CDT.

_____/s/Mary Logue_____
Executive Secretary

____8/18/11____
Date of Approval

4:02 Committee Procedures: Change to Committee Member Procedures

Motion by Dexter, Second by Clayton

I move to reword the section on Membership #3 of the Committee Procedures, effective immediately.

Justification: The old wording assumes current members remain on a committee. The new wording allows for the flexibility to keep or replace a member, increasing the ability of new members to participate in committees of interest and contribute to the club.

From:

3. The Board will appoint Committee members for a period of two years. If they apply to remain on the committee, members whose terms have expired will be reappointed during the National Specialty.

Committee vacancies will also be filled during the National Specialty and during the spring Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors may also fill vacancies at other times during the year, if deemed appropriate by the Committee Liaison. These appointments are made by a Committee Liaison appointing motion

(no second required) to the Board of Directors. The term of a Committee member appointed between National Specialties will expire at the second National Specialty following his/her appointment. Committee members may apply for reappointment. Revised 01/24/09

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Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Ford, Vest, Bates; Disapprove: Westerman.
The *motion is approved.*

4:04 Conformation Committee: motion #26

Motion by Berryessa: I move we accept the following motion from the CC:

This Motion Passes! Yes - Gail, Liz, Regi, Rhonda, Leah, Denise, Ann, Debbie, Nancy, Peter, Glenda, Dorothy; No- Becky, Mary; Non-Voting - Luc

Comments FOR the motion:

I totally support this motion, and so do most of the breeder judges that I've spoken to. Times have changed, and for the title "Senior" to mean anything, it's prudent that we increase the number of assignments at the Breeder Judge level to give our judges more experience prior to becoming Senior Breeder Judges. Also, the current requirements state that at least 5 assignments must be out of state, so by doubling that to 10, it is a fair representation of a judge's experience. Most assignments are already out-of-state (I had 8 provisional assignments and 8 approved breeder judge assignments that were out-of-state, out of 20 total) for all judges, so this in no way presents a hardship. Gail Karamalegos Comments, as judges move up the ladder given more privilege; this can affect the future direction the Australian Shepherd breed takes it is imperative that we have experienced involved, committed people with passion for this breed. Leah Swatko

Comments AGAINST the motion:

I still have issues with upping the number of assignments that need to be judged out of state. I don't feel that it is necessary. There is a basic standard of structure for the Aussie. Regardless of breed type changes across the country..structure is structure...and will not change. The Aussie in California should be slightly longer then tall of moderate bone and coat....the Aussie in NY should be slightly longer then tall of moderate bone and coat. Becky Noe

I personally think that 15 assignments is plenty as we're also asking for 15 years in the Breed. Mary We have a motion by Liz with a second by Rhonda.

I move to accept the following changes to the Senior Breeder Judge Requirements and Procedures. The reason behind this motion is that the CC has spent hours discussing updating the various levels of ASCA Judge requirements and procedures. With the advent of the multiple shows in a day, many felt that our judges were climbing the ladder of levels much to quickly, without the experience necessary. The thought is to tighten up the requirements and procedures to allow for more ring experience.

Judge Education, when approved by the board, will be brought in a later date as part of the requirements for all levels of our judges.

This motion will affect those Approved Breeder Judges that have not completed the current 10 requirements and 15 years of documented time in the breed at the time this motion would go into effect.

TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SENIOR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Senior Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

B. Must have completed twenty (20) judging assignments with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries each at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

C. Must have fifteen (15) years of documented time in the breed. Documented is described as, but not limited to: ASCA Registered Australian Shepherds in the judge applicants name, membership in ASCA, membership in an ASCA Affiliate Club, participation in or working at ASCA Events, participation or presenting ASCA educational seminars.

D. Ten (10) qualifying judging assignments must be worked outside of the state/province the applicant resides in. These ten (10) qualifying assignments will come from assignments worked as an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge or as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge only.

E. Judging assignments must be completed in regular classes as published in the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

Explanation of Requirement Changes;

B. The CC felt more ring experience was needed to become a Senior Breeder Judge. By increasing the number of assignments to 20 this will help accomplish that. Education is also very necessary. When approved, judge education will become required throughout the process.

C. This section is new. Many felt to be a Senior Judge; you must have "time" in the breed. This is easily tracked as described in this section.

D. Upping the requirement to 10 assignments outside the state/province provides the applicant with sufficient assignments to see a variety of dogs.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Senior Breeder Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1. A minimum of twenty (20) regular class judging assignments that meet the previously stated requirements.

2. A minimum of ten (10) regular judging assignments worked outside of the state/area the applicant lives in that meet the previous stated requirement.

3.. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

4. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as an Approved Breeder Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the senior level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Senior Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge. The applicant may now accept senior level judging assignments.

Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "S" beside their name.

Explanation of procedure changes;

A.1. change from 10 to 20 follows the explanation in the requirements.

A.2. change from 5 to 10 follows the explanation in the requirements.

C. This change brings this section in line with the board change.

AS READS NOW:

SENIOR BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Senior Breeder Judge status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

B. Must have completed ten (10) judging assignments with a minimum of fifteen (15) entries each at ASCA Sanctioned Conformation shows as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge.

C. Five (5) qualifying judging assignments must be worked outside of the state/province the applicant resides in. These five (5) qualifying assignments will come from assignments worked as an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge or as an ASCA Approved Breeder Judge only.

D. Judging assignments must be completed in regular classes as published in the ASCA Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Senior Breeder Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1. A minimum of ten regular class judging assignments with a minimum of 15 entries that meet the previously stated requirements. These assignments may come from the interim period during which a judge is awaiting final approval from the ASCA Board of Directors. Once approval is given, all interim assignments will then count toward the level of judging being applied for.

2. A minimum of five (5) regular judging assignments worked outside of the state/area the applicant lives in that meet the previous stated requirement.

3. Documentation must include the name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned show, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

4. Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as an Approved Breeder Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have thirty (30) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

D. Any properly documented negative comments will be investigated by the ASCA Board of Directors. If this investigation indicates there is probable cause that the applicant should not be approved, the application will be denied. If denied, the applicant will be given an explanation as to the reasons for the denial and may include suggestions or tasks that will help the applicant to be successful in a second application process. If denied, the applicant will have thirty (30) days to appeal the decision. If an appeal has been submitted, the Board will respond within thirty (30) days. If an applicant has been denied approval at the senior level, the applicant may reapply after a waiting period of two (2) years and after having satisfied any additional tasks assigned by the ASCA Board of Directors. If the application is denied, these interim assignments may count toward additional tasks assigned per the ASCA Board of Directors.

E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Senior Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Senior Breeder Judge. The applicant may now accept senior level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "S" beside their name.

Approve: Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman; Disapprove: Hellmeister, Clayton, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest.
The motion is not approved.

4:04 Conformation Committee: motion #26

Motion by Berryessa: I move we accept the following Conformation Committee motion:

This Motion Passes. Yes - Dorothy, Glenda, Peter, Debbie, Ann, Denise, Becky, Gail, Leah, Rhonda, Liz, Regi; No- Mary, Nancy; Non-Voting- Luc

Comment AGAINST the Motion; After rereading this motion several times I think that "C" will open the door for all other judges to circumvent the NRBJ requirements. This allows judges from other registries to circumvent the NRBJ requirements since their judging experience "maybe be substituted.....". In addition at one point they can apply for SBJ status and then being eligible for judging at our National Specialty without ever having bred or finished an Aussie in ASCA. Mary

We have a motion by Liz with a second by Rhonda.

I move to accept the following changes to the Provisional Breeder Judge Requirements and Procedures.

The reason behind this motion is that the CC has spent hours discussing updating the various levels of the ASCS Judge requirements and procedures. With the advent of multiple shows in a day, many felt that our judges were climbing the ladder of levels much too quickly, without the experience necessary. The thought is to tighten up the requirements and procedures to allow for more ring experience.

Judge Education, when approved by the board, will be brought in a later date as part of the requirements for all levels of our judges.

This motion will effect any new applicants after required time when this motion is approved by the board. It will not affect those NR judges that have started their assignments.

To Read as follows;

PROVISIONAL BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Provisional Breeder Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

B. Must have judged non-regular classes at five (5) or more ASCA Sanctioned Conformation events (excluding handling or showmanship classes) until a minimum of fifty (50) entries total is accrued. At least one of these events must include an entry of ten or more). Non regular classes are described as follows: All Non Regular Puppy classes, stud dog, brood bitch, brace, veteran and Australian Shepherd movement classes. The Australian Shepherd movement class shall only count if held in conjunction with the Non Regular Puppy classes, stud dog, brood bitch, brace or veterans.

C. Previous ASCA judging experience obtained on a recognized judge's card or approval from another organization (AKC/UKC/CKC/ASCA OP) may be substituted towards the Non-Regular portion of the Provisional judging requirement for becoming an ASCA breeder judge. All other requirements must be met.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

Explanation of Requirement Changes.

B. The CC agreed that more ring experience was needed for new judges. Upping the requirement to 5 events and 50 entries will allow the new judge more ring time to become comfortable. Excluding handling and showmanship classes was felt needed due to the fact that some clubs have allowed NRBJ's to judge showmanship or handling classes as part of their assignment. The description of the Non Regular classes was felt necessary to ensure our NRBJ's know which classes count toward their assignment.

C. Adding the wording "or approval" was needed as some organizations do not issue a card, just an approval. Adding "ASCA OP" was needed as some of our OP judges are now moving to become approved ASCA Breeder Judges.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Provisional Breeder Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1 A minimum of five (5) or more non-regular judging assignments with a minimum of fifty (50) entries that meet the previously stated requirements. .

2 Documentation must include the Name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned shows, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

3 Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

C. Once the Office has determined that the applicant has met the minimum requirements, the applicant's name will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times for comment from the membership. The membership will have forty-five (45) days to respond. The ASCA Business Office will forward the application letter and comments from the membership to the ASCA Board of Directors. The ASCA Board of Directors will approve or deny the application within sixty (60) days.

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E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Provisional Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept provisional level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "P" beside their name.

Explanation of Procedure changes.

A. 1. The change from 3 to 5 follows the explanation in the requirements. As does the change to 50 entries.

C. This change brings this section in line with the board change.

AS READS NOW;

PROVISIONAL BREEDER JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

Before applying for Provisional Breeder Judge Status, the following requirements must be met:

A. Must be an ASCA Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

1 Must have judged non-regular classes at three (3) or more ASCA Sanctioned Conformation events (not handling classes) until a minimum of thirty (30) entries total is accrued. At least one of these events must include an entry of ten or more).

2 Previous ASCA judging experience obtained on a recognized judge's card from another organization (AKC/UKC/CKC) may be substituted towards the Non-Regular portion of the Provisional judging requirement for becoming an ASCA breeder judge. All other requirements must be met.

These are minimum requirements for applying and each applicant will be evaluated on an individual basis. Applicant may exceed these requirements for their benefit.

PROCEDURE

Steps in applying for Provisional Breeder Judge:

A. In letter format submit the following documentation to the ASCA Business Office:

1 A minimum of three (3) or more non-regular judging assignments with a minimum of thirty (30) entries that meet the previously stated requirements. .

2 Documentation must include the Name of the Affiliate club sponsoring the sanctioned shows, the date of the judging assignment, the name of the show secretary, the classes judged and the number of entries judged.

3 Documentation may include any other additional educational steps taken or beneficial activity the applicant may have been involved in since approval as a Non-Regular Breeder Judge.

B. Upon receipt of the application letter the ASCA Business Office will verify the documentation is correct and minimum requirements have been met.

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E. If the application is approved, the applicant will receive notification in writing from the ASCA Business Office of appointment to Provisional Judge and, at that time, will be an ASCA Provisional Breeder Judge. The applicant may then accept provisional level judging assignments. Upon approval, the applicant's name, address and telephone number will be published in the next issue of the Aussie Times and will be added to the ASCA Approved Judges List as a Breeder Judge with the notation of "P" beside their name.\ Approve: Berryessa, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter; Disapprove: Hellmeister, Clayton, Ford, Vest, Bates; The *motion is not approved*.

Letter of Dissent (Hellmeister): The proposed wording still leaves a loophole open for what is considered the highest honor as a judge in ASCA.

4:05 Agility Committee: Reinstate Pamela Bryant-Meeks as a Course Reviewer

Motion by Dolan; I move to reinstate Pamela Bryant-Meeks as an Agility Course Reviewer.

By majority vote the Agility Committee recommends this action.

Approve: Unanimous. The *motion is approved*.

10:20 Board Breed Standard Review Committee Motion: Ears

Motion by Clayton, Seconded by Vest

I move to approve the following changes to the Ear Section of the Breed Standard

From:

(C) EARS: Set on high at the side of the head, triangular and slightly rounded at the tip, of moderate size with length measured by bringing the tip of the ear around to the inside corner of the eye. The ears, at full attention, break slightly forward and over from one-quarter (1/4) to one-half (1/2) above the base. Prick ears and hound type ears are severe faults.

To:

EARS: The ears are set high on the side of the head, are triangular, of moderate size and slightly rounded at the tip. The tip of the ear reaches to, but not further than, the inside corner of the nearest eye. At full attention, the ears should lift from one-quarter (1/4) to one-half (1/2) above the base and break forward or slightly to the side. Fault: Prick ears. Severe Faults: Overly large ears; low set ears with no lift from the base.

Approve: Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Disapprove: Berryessa; Non-voting: Hellmeister. The *motion is not approved*.

10:20 Board Breed Standard Review Committee Motion: Color Section

Motion by Clayton, Second by Vest

I move to approve the following changes to the Color Section of the Breed Standard

From:

COLOR: All colors are strong, clear and rich. The recognized colors are blue merle, red (liver) merle, solid black, and solid red (liver) all with or without white markings and/or tan (copper) points with no order of preference. The blue merle and black have black pigmentation on nose, lips and eye-rims. Reds and red merles have liver pigmentation on nose, lips and eye rims. Butterfly nose should not be faulted under

To:

COLOR: All colors are strong, clear, and rich. The recognized colors are solid black, blue merle, solid red/liver, and red/liver merle; all with or without white markings and/or tan (copper) points with no order of preference. White and/or copper trim is never required. Blacks and blue merles have a base color of jet black; reds and red merles have a base color of dark/rich red to liver (dark reddish brown). Merling is a lighter shade of the base color. The blue merle and black have black pigmentation on nose, lips, and eye-rims; the red/liver merle and red/liver have liver pigmentation on nose, lips, and eye-rims. The nose must be fully pigmented. (Small un-pigmented areas on the nose are not faulted on dogs under one year of age.) White trim when present shall not be the dominant color and must be restricted to the following locations: On the head: White trim, when present, may appear on the muzzle, the cheeks, between the eyes, the topskull, or a combination of all. The ears and the area around the eyes must be completely covered by a color other than white. On the body: white, when present, may appear on the neck and forequarters, the white hairline on the neck must not extend into the body beyond the point of withers, and when present on the forequarters may not extend into the body (the area between withers and tail, on sides between elbows and back of hindquarters). White trim may appear on the underside of the chest, the belly, and on the hind legs but must not extend onto the side or flank.

Faults: White when present on the ear or touching the eye shall be increasingly faulted in proportion to the amount present. Pink when present on the nose or eye rim shall be increasingly faulted in proportion to the amount present.

DISQUALIFICATIONS: Any color other than the four recognized colors. White on the body (the area between withers and tail, on sides between elbows and back of hindquarters) whether it appears as splash(es), isolated spot(s), patch(es), or an extension from trim. A completely un-pigmented (pink) nose shall also be disqualified.

Approve: Unanimous. The *motion is approved*.

10:20 Board Breed Standard Committee Motion: Gait Section

Motion by Clayton, Seconded by Vest

I move to approve the following changes to the Gait Section of the Breed Standard

From:

GAIT: Smooth, free and easy; exhibiting agility of movement with a well-balanced, ground covering stride. Fore and hind legs move straight and parallel with the center line of the body; as speed increases, the

feet, both front and rear, converge toward the center line of gravity of the dog, while the topline remains firm and level.

To:

GAIT: Smooth, free, and easy, exhibiting agility of movement with a well-balanced natural stride. As speed increases, both front and rear feet converge equally toward the centerline of gravity beneath the body. The top line remains firm and level. When viewed from the side the trot is effortless, exhibiting facility of movement rather than a hard driving action. Exaggerated reach and drive at the trot are not desirable. Gait faults shall be penalized according to the degree of deviation from the ideal.

Approve: Unanimous. The *motion is approved*.

11:19 Judges Code of Ethics

Motion by Dolan, Second by Dexter

I move to direct the program committees to remove any sections of their program rule books containing any verbiage concerning a Judges Code of Ethics and to insert the ASCA Judges Code of Ethics as an appropriately numbered appendix in each program rulebook. The committees shall complete this action to support January 1, 2012 rulebook revision.

Approve: Hellmeister, Clayton, Dolan, Westerman, Dexter; Vest; Disapprove: Berryessa, Bates; Abstain: Ford; The *motion is approved*.

11:20 Judges COE Violation - Ms Patty Wirries

The Board of Directors suspend Ms. Patty Wirries' judging privileges for one year as a result of a Judges Code of Ethics violation.

11:21 Delta ASF Club Motion- Letter of Advisement

The Board of Directors sent Delta ASF a letter of advisement for not properly following the process when handling complaints against Judges.

11:22 Deny request of Delta ASF against Sr. Breeder Judge Sheila Polk

The Board of Directors dismissed a Judges Code of Ethics complaint against Sheila Polk.

96:02 SDC: Chris Caldwell's move from Apprentice to Provisional Stockdog Judge

Motion by Dolan; I move to approve the Stockdog Committee recommendation to move Chris Caldwell from Apprentice to Provisional Stockdog Judge.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan, Dexter, Bates, Ford, Vest; Abstain: Westerman. The *motion is approved*.

Policy Book Section 10.7 Discipline Notification

Motion by Dolan, Second by Hellmeister

I move to add the following section to Chapter 10 of the ASCA Policy Book"

10.7 Notification of Discipline Imposed by the Board of Directors

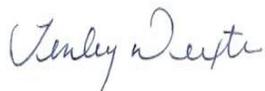
Should an investigation or complaint result in the Board of Directors imposing discipline, the Executive Secretary (the ASCA President in special situations as determined by the Board) shall notify the disciplined individual in writing via certified letter followed two days later by a letter sent regular mail.

Should the disciplined individual reside outside North America, the notification shall be made using e-mail and regular mail. The Executive Secretary will note action taken in the file.

Comment/Rationale: This motion puts in place a process to assure that proper procedure is followed when notifying members/affiliates of imposed discipline.

Approve: Hellmeister, Berryessa, Clayton, Dolan Westerman, Dexter, Ford, Vest; Non-voting: Bates; The *motion is approved*.

Submitted,



Tenley Dexter
ASCA Secretary